

Many Hands. One Faith.

Third Sunday Of Advent

December 13, 2009

Gospel Reflection

“THE LORD IS IN YOUR MIDST”

Both today’s reading from Zephaniah and the responsorial psalm exult that “the LORD is in your midst.” They proclaim the presence of God among the people of Israel and foretell the core of our faith in the Incarnation. God is not far off. God’s love was manifested in Jesus’ coming as a human person and is present here and now in us. John the Baptist also proclaims the coming of Christ into our midst and reminds us that our lives must change if we are to be ready to welcome the Messiah at his coming.

These scriptures are not unlike the bells that seem to surround us at this time of year. They call us to rejoice. They call us to worship. And they call us to change. One bell in particular, the Salvation Army bell, reminds us that not everyone has experienced God’s saving presence yet. There are many who suffer while others wallow in abundance. “What should we do?” John the Baptist calls us to respond to their need. He calls us to change our ways so that Christ’s saving presence can truly be manifested “in our midst.”

“WHAT SHOULD WE DO?”

One way to discover what we should do this Advent is to pray the Our Father with extra sincerity and attentiveness. We pray, “Thy kingdom come; thy will be done.” We commit ourselves to a spirit of trust and forgiveness and ask to be kept from temptation. As we get ready for the coming of Christmas it is good to ask ourselves what

God’s will is for us, whom we are called to forgive, and how we are tempted. What should we do so that God’s kingdom might come into



our lives more fully this Christmas?

How would John the Baptist reply to us if we asked him, “What should we do?”

Today’s Readings: Zephaniah 3:14–18a; Isaiah 12:2–6; Philippians 4:4–7; Luke 3:10–18

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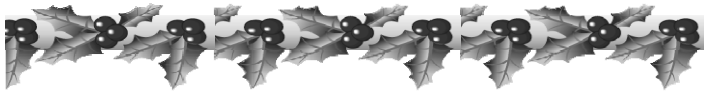
Mass Intentions for December 20, 2009

4:00 p.m.	STM	Bernard McCue
5:30 p.m.	OLMC	Mr. & Mrs. Pete Good, All Of Our Parishioners
8:30 a.m.	OLMC	Peggy Flood
10:30 a.m.	STM	Ignatius Nguyen, Earl Hardy, Augustus Cecil, Sylvia Cloyd
12:30 p.m.	STM	Gabe Cissell

Daily Readings

12/12 Sat	8:15 am	Rv 11:19a,12:1-10ab	Luke 39-47	Margee Rupe
Sun Vigil	4:00 pm	Zephaniah 3:14-18a . Phil 4:4-7	Luke 3:10-18	Sr. Alma Riggs, All Of Our Parishioners
Sun Vigil	5:30 pm	Zephaniah 3:14-18a . Phil 4:4-7	Luke 3:10-18	Mike Beavin, Mildred Herpes
12/13 Sun	8:30 am	Zephaniah 3:14-18a . Phil 4:4-7	Luke 3:10-18	Margaret Whitlock
	10:30 am	Zephaniah 3:14-18a . Phil 4:4-7	Luke 3:10-18	Maria Pham
	12:30 pm	Zephaniah 3:14-18a . Phil 4:4-7	Luke 3:10-18	Rosina Dalton
12/14 Mon	8:15 am	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a...	Matt 21:23-27	Fr. Luke Bresnahan, O. Carm.
12/15 Tue	8:15 am	Is 45:6b-25	Matt 21:28-32	Joseph W. Allen
12/16 Wed	8:15 am	Is 45:6b-25	Luke 7:18b-23	Peggy Flood
12/17 Thr	8:15 am	Gn 49:2,8-10	Matt 1:1-17	Mike Riley, Brent Warner, Marty O’Brien
12/18 Fri	8:15 am	Jer 23:5-8	Matt 1:18-25	Eileen Arnold
12/19 Sat	8:15 am	Jgs 13:2-25a	Luke 1:5-25	All Of Our Parishioners

Intentions



Stewardship In Action

We hear Stewardship mentioned quite often in our parishes. Did you know that you can be an active steward in ways other than to participate as a committee member or Liturgical minister?

Over this past year several of our parishioners from both parishes have experienced illnesses, some resulting in hospitalization or leaving them homebound.

During these illnesses and recovery periods some required assistance such as; rides to and from doctor's appointments, transportation for family members to and from the hospital, groceries or food delivered to their home, someone to sit with them when there was no family member available, members of prayer chains and individuals to pray for their recovery, and community members to bring them communion.

It was recently mentioned by one parishioner who has received help in many of these ways that they are so appreciative for everything that has been done for them by their *Parish* family. They simply had no one else to turn to!

Could you be one of those who continue to help others in our community in this way ?

Many thanks to all who have shown us excellent examples of Stewardship in these giving actions!

Especially during this Advent season let us continue to be Christ to one another!



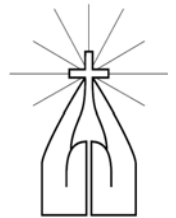
Pope Benedict XVI Prayer Intentions December 2009



GENERAL: That children may be respected and loved and never be the victims of exploitation in its various forms.

MISSION: That at Christmas the peoples of the earth may recognize in the Word Incarnate the light which illuminates every man and that the Nations may open their doors to Christ, the Savior of the world.

Parish FAQ's





Did you know our Monsignor McKune Council, #14471 of Knights of Columbus is now 75 members strong and the Ladies Auxiliary is 15 + members strong?

This Wednesday, December 16th, at 7:00 PM is the Knights of Columbus Monthly meeting held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Anyone interested in joining or finding out more about the Knights of Columbus, are invited to check out our website at <http://McKuneCouncil.org>, speak to any active Knight, or contact Joe Hafner at 366-4264 or at joehafner@att.net

The Ladies Auxiliary is also holding an open meeting on Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00PM next door to the Knight's meeting. Please contact Nancy Coyne at 819-7954 or by E-mail at mnpinlou@insightbb.com for more details. Any wife of an active Knight is welcome to join.

The Knights of Columbus have organized a Sunday Dinner that is held at Monsignor Newman Council located in Shively at 1695 Herbert Ave off Dixie Highway. They are on the first Sunday of each month from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

This is a monthly fund raiser for the Monsignor McKune Council. Proceeds from the dinners are used to help the Knights sponsor events and charitable activities in our community. Please contact Joe Hafner at 366-4264 or at joehafner@att.net for more details.

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Four-Week Calendar of Upcoming Events

CONFESSION

Saturday 4:45 p.m. (OLMC)

ROSARY RECITATION

Mon. - Sat. after 8:15 Mass (OLMC)

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:00 p.m. (STM) 5:30 p.m. (OLMC)






SUNDAY MASS

**8:30 a.m. (OLMC)
10:30 a.m. (STM) 12:30 p.m. (STM)**

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. (OLMC)

Friday, 11:00 a.m. (STM)

	Week of Dec 13 – Dec 19	Week of Dec 20 – Dec 26	Week of Dec 27 – Jan 2	Week of Jan 3 – Jan 9
Sunday	9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Scripture Study 1:00 p.m. (STM) Gamblers Anonymous 2:00 p.m. (OLMC) Financial Peace University	9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Scripture Study 1:00 p.m. (STM) Gamblers Anonymous 2:00 p.m. (OLMC) Financial Peace University	Masses followed by Doughnut Voucher Sales  9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Scripture Study 1:00 p.m. (STM) Gamblers Anonymous 2:00 p.m. (OLMC) Financial Peace University	Hospitality Sunday after 8:30 & 10:30 Masses  9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Scripture Study 12:00—3:00 p.m. (New.Cncl) K of C Chicken Dinner 1:00 p.m. (STM) Gamblers Anonymous
Monday	11:30 a.m. (STM) Lunch Outing 12:30 p.m. (OLMC) Golden Citizens Potluck 6:30 p.m. (OLMC) TOPS Meeting	Beginning of Christmas Break For SNA Students 6:30 p.m. (OLMC) TOPS Meeting	6:30 p.m. (OLMC) TOPS Meeting	6:30 p.m. (OLMC) TOPS Meeting
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Over 50 Group 10:00 a.m. (OLMC) Quilters 7:00 p.m. (OLMC) R.C.I.A.	9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Over 50 Group 10:00 a.m. (OLMC) Quilters 7:00 p.m. (OLMC) R.C.I.A.	9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Over 50 Group 10:00 a.m. (OLMC) Quilters 7:00 p.m. (OLMC) R.C.I.A.	9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Over 50 Group 10:00 a.m. (OLMC) Quilters 2:00 p.m. (STM) Altar Society Meeting 7:00 p.m. (OLMC) R.C.I.A.
Wednesday	12:00 p.m. (STM) Potluck & Movie  6:00 p.m. (OLMC) Quilters 7:00 p.m. (OLMC) K of C & Ladies Auxiliary 7:00 p.m. (STM) Al-Anon 8:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anon.	6:00 p.m. (OLMC) Quilters 7:00 p.m. (STM) Al-Anon 8:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anon.	6:00 p.m. (OLMC) Quilters 7:00 p.m. (STM) Al-Anon 8:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anon.	6:00 p.m. (OLMC) Quilters 7:00 p.m. (STM) Rel. Ed. & Adult Faith 7:00 p.m. (STM) Al-Anon 8:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anon.
Thursday	12:30 p.m. (STM) Golden Age 6:15, 7:00, 7:30 p.m. (STM) Finance Meetings 6:45 p.m. (STM) R.C.I.A. (Children) 7:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 p.m. (OLMC) Prayer Meeting	Parish Offices Closed 5:30 p.m. (STM) Christmas Mass 7:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anonymous 12:00 a.m. (OLMC) Christmas Mass	Parish Offices Closed 7:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anonymous 5:30 p.m. (OLMC) Mass	12:30 p.m. (STM) Golden Age 6:45 p.m. (STM) R.C.I.A. (Children) 7:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 p.m. (OLMC) Prayer Meeting
Friday	11:00 a.m. (STM) Scripture Study	“Merry Christmas” Parish Offices Closed 8:30 a.m. (OLMC) Christmas Mass 10:30 a.m. (STM) Christmas Mass	“Happy New Year” Parish Offices Closed 10:30 a.m. (STM) Mass	11:00 a.m. (STM) Scripture Study
Saturday		4:00 p.m. (STM) and 5:30 p.m. (OLMC)  Masses followed by Doughnut Voucher Sales	9:00 a.m. (OLMC)  Hour Of Prayer 4:00 p.m. (OLMC) Holy Hour	3:00 p.m. (STM) Monthly Raffle Drawing

Weekly Message:

En Theos — Enthusiasm For The Faith

I go to confession regularly and try to live my life based on my faith. On one or two occasions I have forgotten to mention a sin, and now do not recall if I ever mentioned it. Are forgotten sins forgiven?

We cannot stop the flow of God's love and mercy, especially when we act with sincere hearts. People often worry that they have not said prayers with enough devotion, or that they have forgotten a grace before meals, and that their human weakness (i. e., loss of memory) is cause for God to be offended. When we strive to do the right thing and we honestly seek to live our faith, our foibles and miscues are not occasions of sin, but gentle reminders that we are human and imperfect. God loves us anyway!

So when we fail to live up to our own expectations of perfection, because of lack of sleep, memory lapse, illness or whatever, we do not sin. And yet, people will often confess that they missed Mass because they were in the hospital! Our judgment is much stricter than God's! So, forgotten sins are forgiven, by the overwhelming mercy and love of God. If it is a serious sin, you should mention it next time you go to confession. Most importantly, remember that God is so anxious to love us and save us that nothing can stand in his way, except our refusal of his love. And even then, he waits for us to say yes.

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IN JESUS

*In Jesus all broken lines unite.
In Jesus, all scattered sounds are
gathered in harmony.*
~ Phillips Brooks ~

STRENGTH AND COURAGE

*Prayer infuses the weak with strength
and the fainthearted with courage.*
~ Anonymous ~

A Little Liturgy:

by Chris Tolbert

Purple for Advent

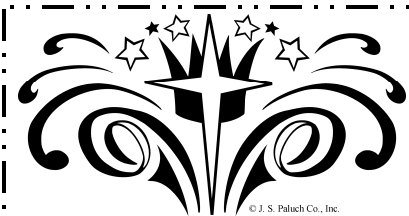
Throughout the liturgical year, colors are used in the sanctuary and vestments to set certain seasons and feasts apart from others.

Ordinary Time (also called The Season of the Year) is the longest period of the Liturgical Year, and uses the color green. Christmas Day uses white. Although blue has been used for Advent, the color that is prescribed by the Church is purple. Purple (actually Violet) is the color of both Advent and Lent.

Purple is the color of penitence and fasting as well as the color of royalty. During Advent it is used to welcome the advent (meaning “coming”) of the King. The purple of Advent is also the color of suffering used during Lent and Holy Week. There is an important connection between Jesus’ birth and death. The nativity cannot be separated from the crucifixion. The purpose of Jesus’ coming into the world and dwelling among us is to reveal God’s grace to the world through Jesus’ life and teaching, but also through his suffering, death, and resurrection. Resurrection is not possible without death; death is not possible without birth.

In both Advent and Lent, there is one Sunday that uses rose for its color; Gaudete Sunday in Advent (today), and Laetare Sunday in Lent. Both are reminders to us to be joyful, for our waiting is almost over.

We have outstanding Arts and Environment Committees at both parishes. They do a great job of decorating the churches for the various feasts and seasons of the Church year according to the principals of Progressive Solemnity.



With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation
~ Isaiah 12:3 ~

Minister Schedule

Saturday, December 19, 4:00 p.m. Mass - STM

EUCH. MINISTERS Maureen Curran, Betty Mudd, Aileen Spies, Doris Tankersley
 LECTOR Dolores Rautenbusch
 GIFT BEARERS Lauren Atkinson, Olivia Atkinson

Saturday, December 19, 5:30 p.m. Mass - OLMC

GREETERS Marilyn Murphy, Jane Weber
 EUCH. MINISTERS David Kellerman, Carolyn Kupper, Michael Martin, Sharon McStoots, Sr. Marilyn Mueller, Bill Weaver
 LECTORS Louise Gaddie, Nathan Gregory Miller
 CANTOR Mary Beth Zinsius
 USHERS Larry Clark, John Feuerborn, Patrick Martin
 GIFT BEARERS Alex Murphy, Dillon Murphy
 SERVERS Alex Carter, Shelby Carter

Sunday, December 20, 8:30 a.m. Mass - OLMC

GREETERS Deana Craycroft, Cheryl Wachtel
 EUCH. MINISTERS Helen Duncan, M. Jacks, Florence Lanman, Mary Ann Littlefield, Emily Preslar, Kelly J. Smith
 LECTORS Ashley Mosby, Dominic Schirmer
 CANTOR Teresa Munson
 USHERS Adam Donnelly, Joseph Hafner, Milton Hafner, Jan Hardy
 GIFT BEARERS Tim Hardy, Daniel Marlin
 SERVERS Nelson Bodenbender, Natalie Bodenbender

Sunday, December 20, 10:30 a.m. Mass - STM

GREETERS Boston Brown, Declan Brown, Teri Brown, Benida Crask, Hannah Crask
 EUCH. MINISTERS Angela Bell, Ron Bolton, Sr., Chuck Buehner, Mary Clay, Nancy Coyne, Rachel Crask, Joan Hans, William Hans, Susan Higdon, Barbara Jansing, Mike Kramer, Carol Mattingly, Donna Sansone, Marty Way
 LECTORS Brenda Adamson, Pat Adkisson
 CANTOR Melanie Komp
 USHERS Debbie Clements, David Duffy, Joseph Duffy, Rob Haydon, Jerry Oechsli, John Stoller
 GIFT BEARERS Dane Haydon, Bruce Kolb
 SERVERS Logan Borgelt, Travis Higdon

Sunday, December 20, 12:30 p.m. Mass - STM

EUCH. MINISTERS Diane Hawkins, Nancy Pfaadt
 LECTOR Valerie Evans
 GIFT BEARERS Ralph Hawkins, Jim Yates

Financial Stewardship of Dec. 6, 2009

St. Thomas More Parish:

Last Week's Contributions	\$8,172.50
Weekly Budget	\$4,924.00
Year-To-Date Contributions	\$115,747.94
Year-To-Date Budget	\$113,252.00
Year-To-Date Gain or (Shortfall)	\$2,495.94

Our Lady of Mount Carmel:

Last Week's Contributions	\$9,265.50
Weekly Budget	\$8,956.00
Year-To-Date Contributions	\$186,758.98
Year-To-Date Budget	\$201,982.50
Year-To-Date Gain or (Shortfall)	(\$15,223.52)

VOCATION VIEW:

"What ought we to do?" the crowds ask John, and he sends them to fulfill their calling. Doing the ordinary extraordinary well is a step toward welcoming Jesus. (Luke 3:10-18)



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 (canon 536; 2nd Tuesday of the Month)

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The Senior Connection

Did You Know?

Surgery for Mental Health Conditions Present Hope, Risks.

There is a resurgence of interest in psychosurgery for conditions such as depression, anxiety, and obsessive compulsive disorder. This year the Food and Drug Administration approved a surgical technique for some cases of OCD. Although the surgeries offer hope, there are also risks. For one, the results are often unpredictable. Some people may improve, while others experience no improvement or get worse. (The New York Times, 11/26/09)

Blood Tests Could One Day Diagnose Serious Mental Health Conditions.

A new study suggests that blood tests could one day diagnose serious mental health conditions. Using a technique termed convergent functional genomics, researchers say they could identify blood biomarkers for two key psychotic symptoms: **hallucinations and delusions**. The same approach has been used to look for genes and gene pathways linked to **bipolar disorder, alcoholism and schizophrenia**. Although more work is needed, the technology could be a scientific milestone. (The Los Angeles Times 11/25/09)

Vitamin D Might Help Cardiac Health.

According to an article in Health Day News, a new study shows that Vitamin D might help decrease the risk of certain cardiovascular diseases. The study followed 27,686 people age 50 and older who did not have previous cardiovascular issues. The participants were placed in groups based on their level of Vitamin D. After one year, those with very low levels of Vitamin D were more likely to develop coronary artery disease or have a stroke. If increasing levels of Vitamin D can decrease some risk associated with these cardiovascular diseases, it could have a significant public health impact. However, The New York Times cautions that too much Vitamin D can be toxic and you should consult with your doctor about



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WE, THOUGH MANY, ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST.

ROMANS 12-5

"The crowds asked John, 'What ought we to do?' In reply he said, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.'" Luke 3:10-11

The answer to the question, "what ought we to do?" is simple - SHARE. Sharing is the bottom line for all good stewards.

On With Life

A Catholic support group for the widowed, meets on the first Monday and third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Tues., Dec. 15th at 7:30 PM at **Mary Queen of Peace** (St. Denis Campus-Brick house behind church) 4205 Cane Run Rd. For information, call Family Ministries at 636-0296

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Please notify the office if you know someone who needs to be on or OFF our lists. Please keep in mind that hospitals do not notify us like they use to. Please call the parish office promptly if you or someone in our parishes is hospitalized so someone can go check on them! Thank you!

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AN ADVENT PRAYER

May the God of peace make us completely holy.
May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and body
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Forever faithful is the One who calls us—God our Father!
Expectant, let us live in joyful hope
for the revelation of the glory
of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus!
To him be glory forever!
Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.

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Coming Together in Faith

Notes From Tom Morton:

NO CCD or ADULT SESSION THIS WEEK!

All you guys and gals, bring a friend and join us
for a pot luck and the movie,



“A Christmas Story”.

Everyone Welcome!



St Thomas More Parish Life Center,

Wednesday, December 16th.

Pot luck at NOON, movie will follow!

Questions??? - call Tom at 366-1463.

There Are Still A Couple Of Copies Available Of
At Home with the Word - all the Sunday Readings
and reflections – \$8.

Question of the Week: (to talk about at meals, at
work, in the car, etc....): How can you live the prom-
ise of your Baptism each day?

Read The Bible In A Year: This Week read the fol-
lowing chapters: Genesis 31-45, Matthew 10-13, Ps
13-18, Prov 3

WEBSITE OF THE WEEK:

In honor of our Gospel Hero today –

St John the Baptizer

–check out <http://www.wordonfire.org/>

You can contact Tom at the Religious Formation
Center by calling 366-1463 or e-mail
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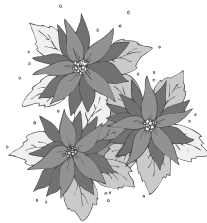
Memorial Christmas Flowers

If you would like to make a
suggested \$15.00 donation to cover
the cost of a poinsettia to be used for
adornment of our altars and
sanctuaries at Christmas in memory
of a loved one, you can do so by
placing the money and the name of
the person you are remembering and either STM or
OLMC in an envelope marked “Christmas Flowers”
and drop it in the collection or by either parish office.

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline is tomorrow,

Monday, December 14th! The weekend of

Christmas a list of all those who were remembered
will be placed in the bulletins. When decorations are
taken down the plants will be placed in the back of
the churches for those who would like one.



More Angel Tree Information From Deacon Mike:

Last week, Project Hope’s “Angel
Trees” were placed in St. Thomas
More Church. Each angel card repre-
sents one child. On the back of the
card, you will find information con-
cerning gender, age, size, and some
choices of things that they want or
need. You may purchase one or more gifts mentioned
on the card, and then ATTACH THE ANGEL CARD
TO THE PACKAGE. If you have more than one
package for the same child, just MARK EACH GIFT
WITH A TAG that shows the ANGEL NUMBER OR
LETTER. **The gifts need to be returned to the
church no later than Noon next Sunday, December
20th.** Please do not wrap them.



We are asking for a little additional help from those
who are unable to shop for one of our “Special An-
gels” by asking you to please consider purchasing
some Christmas wrap, bows and tape. These will be
given to the parents to wrap their children’s gifts
making it more meaningful to them. We will distrib-
ute everything to the proper places and families.

Decorated envelopes are also on the trees for anyone
who would like to give a monetary donation instead
of shopping. This will also be used for gifts for fami-
lies. Simply put the envelope in the collection basket.
There are also “Project Hope” boxes located at the
church doors in case you would like to make a mone-
tary donation. Whatever you do will be greatly appre-
ciated!

Thank you and God Bless, Deacon Mike

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**Happy Birthday Deacon Terry
on December 14th!
We Love & Appreciate You!**



2009 Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th	5:30 PM	STM
December 24th	<u>Midnight</u>	OLMC
December 25th	8:30 AM	OLMC
December 25th	10:30 AM	STM

The Heart Tree

This weekend, St Vincent de Paul members are in the gathering area with ten names that are left of individuals who have requested Christmas help. If you would like to help a needy person, please stop by and choose a name off the tree or make a cash/check donation. **The gifts can be returned to the gathering area by Saturday, December 19th and will be distributed to the selected families on Sunday morning, December 20th. Everyone is invited to participate.** Let's reach out and help those in our community who are having a difficult time this Holiday season. "Thank you for your continued support."



A Note Of Thanks...

to Kyle Weber, who was working on his Eagle Scout Project and collected over 1000 cans of food and over \$300.00 in cash for Project Hope. We thank you for your gift and congratulate you on your accomplishment of Eagle Scout!



Health And Hope...

A new support group for Catholics struggling with a mental health diagnosis, will meet Thursday, December 17 at 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes Adult Center, 508 Breckenridge Lane. Spiritual readings, discussions and refreshments are included. All are welcome. For more information call Steve at 895-1184 or Jackie

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Thanks To All...

who volunteered their time or came to enjoy the morning with us at the Breakfast with Santa last weekend. The profit from the breakfast was \$237.00 Special thanks to Santa and his elf for taking time out of their busy schedule to be with us!!

The Record Will Publish

the First Bridal Issue of 2010 on Jan. 28, 2010. If you are planning your wedding between Jan 28, 2010 and July 28, 2010 and would like your announcement in The Record, fill out and send in the form currently appearing in the paper. You may also go on-line at archlou.org/therecord/bridalannouncements and complete your form via the internet. For additional information contact Rachel Rauh by email: rrauh@archlou.org, or call at 471-2125. Deadline is Friday, Jan. 8, 2010 at 10:00 AM



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 **Advent**

Sacraments

Baptism (preparation required)

MONTHLY INFANT BAPTISM
1st Sunday of the month during Mass (Fr.)
2nd Sunday of the month after Mass (Deacon)

ANNUAL ADULT BAPTISM

Through RICA at the Easter Vigil

Confirmation (preparation required)

Annual celebration

Eucharist

Saturday Vigil	4:00 p.m.	STM
Saturday Vigil	5:30 p.m.	OLMC
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	OLMC
	10:30 a.m.	STM
	12:30 p.m.	STM

Holy Days	8:15 a.m.	OLMC
	Noon	STM
	7:00 p.m.	STM

Weekday (Mon-Sat)	8:15 a.m.	OLMC
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Exposition & Benediction	4:00-5:00 p.m.	OLMC
1st Saturday of the Month		

Penance (confession)

Saturday, 4:45 p.m., or by appointment (OLMC)

Anointing of the Sick

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